

# PEN

In hurdled cotes, amid the field secure  
Leaps o'er the fence with ease into the fold. *Milton.*  
The glass, wherein it is *penmed* up, hinders it to deliver  
itself by an expansion of its parts. *Boyle.*  
The prevention of mischief is prescribed by the Jewish  
custom; they *pen* up their daughters, and permit them to be  
acquainted with none. *Harvey on Consumptions.*  
Ah! that your bus'ness had been mine,  
To *pen* the sheep. *Dryden.*  
2. [From the noun.] To write. It probably meant at first  
only the manual exercise of the pen, or mechanical part of  
writing; but it has been long used with relation to the stile  
or composition.  
For prey these shepherds two he took,  
Whose metal stiff he knew he could not bend  
With hearay pictures, or a window look,  
With one good dance or letter finely *pen'd*. *Sidney.*  
I would be loth to cast away my speech; for, besides that  
it is excellently well *pen'd*, I have taken great pains to con  
it. *Shakespeare's Twelfth Night.*  
Read this challenge, mark but the *penning* of it. *Shakespeare.*  
A sentence spoken by him in English, and *penmed* out of  
his mouth by four good secretaries, for trial of his orthogra  
phy, was set down by them. *Camden's Remains.*  
He frequented sermons, and *penmed* notes with his own  
hand. *Hayward on Edward VI.*  
The digesting my thoughts into order, and the setting them  
down in writing was necessary; for without such strict exa  
mination, as the *penning* them affords, they would have been  
disjointed and roving ones. *Digby on the Soul.*  
Almost condemn'd, he mov'd the judges thus:  
Hear, but instead of me, my Oedipus;  
The judges hearing with applause, at th' end  
Freed him, and said, no fool such lines had *pen'd*. *Denb.*  
Gentlemen should extempore, or after a little meditation,  
speak to some subject without *penning* of any thing. *Locke.*  
Should I publish the praises that are so well *pen'd*, they  
would do honour to the persons who write them. *Addison.*  
Twenty fools I never saw  
Come with petitions fairly *pen'd*,  
Desiring I should stand their friend. *Swift.*  
**PENAL.** *adj.* [penal, Fr. from *pæna*, Lat.]  
1. Denouncing punishment; enacting punishment.  
Gratitude plants such generosity in the heart of man, as  
shall more effectually incline him to what is brave and be  
coming than the terror of any *penal* law. *South.*  
2. Used for the purposes of punishment; vindictive.  
Adamantive chains and *penal* fire. *Milton.*  
**PENALTY.** *n. f.* [from *penalitus*, old French.]  
1. Punishment; censure; judicial infliction.  
Many of the ancients denied the Antipodes, and some unto  
the *penalty* of contrary affirmations; but the experience of na  
vigations, can now assert them beyond all dubitation. *Brown.*  
Political power is a right of making laws with *penalties* of  
death, and consequently all let's *penalties*, for preserving pro  
perty, and employing the force of the community in the exe  
cution of laws. *Locke.*  
Beneath her footstool, science groans in chains,  
And wit dreads exile, *penalties* and pains. *Dunciad.*  
2. Forfeiture upon non-performance.  
Lend this money, not as to thy friend,  
But lend it rather to thine enemy,  
Who, if he break, thou may'st with better face  
Exact the *penalty*. *Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice.*  
**PENANCE.** *n. f.* [penance, old French; for *penitence*.] In  
fiction either publick or private, suffered as an expiation of  
repentance for sin.  
And bitter *penance*, with an iron whip,  
Was wont him once to discipline every day. *Fairy Queen.*  
Mew her up,  
And make her bear the *penance* of her tongue. *Shakespeare.*  
No penitentiary, though he had enjoined him never  
so straight *penance* to expiate his first offence, would have  
counsell'd him to have given over the pursuit of his right. *Bacon.*  
The scourge  
Inexorable, and the torturing hour  
Calls us to *penance*. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*  
A Lorain surgeon, who whipped the naked part with a great  
rod of nettles till all over blistered, persuaded him to per  
form this *penance* in a sharp fit he had. *Temple.*  
**PENCE.** *n. f.* The plural of *penny*; formed from *pennies*, by  
a contraction usual in the rapidity of colloquial speech.  
The same servant found one of his fellow servants, which  
owed him an hundred *pence*, and took him by the throat. *Mat.*  
**PENCIL.** *n. f.* [penicillum, Latin.]  
1. A small brush of hair which painters dip in their colours.  
*Pencils* can by one slight touch restore  
Smiles to that changed face, that wept before. *Dryden.*  
For thee the groves green liv'ries wear,  
For thee the graces lead the dancing hours,  
And nature's ready *pencil* paints the flow'rs. *Dryden.*

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A sort of pictures there is, wherein the colours, as laid by  
the *pencil* on the table, mark out very odd figures. *Locke.*  
The faithful *pencil* has design'd  
Some bright idea of the matter's mind,  
Where a new world leaps out at his command,  
And ready nature waits upon his hand. *Pope.*  
One dips the *pencil*, t' other strings the lyre. *Pope.*  
2. A black lead pen, with which cut to a point they write with  
out ink.  
Mark with a pen or *pencil* the most considerable things in  
the books you desire to remember. *Watts.*  
3. Any instrument of writing without ink.  
To *PENCIL*, *v. n.* [from the noun.] To paint.  
Painting is almost the natural man;  
For since dishonour trafficks with man's nature,  
He is but outside: *pencil'd* figures are  
Ev'n such as they give out. *Shakespeare's Timon of Athens.*  
**PENDANT.** *n. f.* [pendant, French.]  
1. A jewel hanging in the ear.  
The spirits  
Some third the mazy ringlets of her hair,  
Some hang upon the *pendants* of her ear. *Pope.*  
2. Any thing hanging by way of ornament.  
Unripe fruit, whose verdant stalks do cleave  
Close to the tree, which grieves no less to leave  
The smiling *pendant* which adorns her so,  
And until Autumn, on the bough should grow. *Waller.*  
3. A pendulum. Obsolete.  
To make the same *pendant* go twice as fast as it did, or  
make every undulation of it in half the time it did, make the  
line, at which it hangs, double in geometrical proportion to  
the line at which it hang'd before. *Digby on the Soul.*  
4. A small flag in ships.  
**PENDENCE.** *n. f.* [from *pendeo*, Lat.] Slopeness; inclination.  
The Italians give the cover a graceful *pendence* or slope  
ness, dividing the whole breadth into nine parts, whereof two  
shall serve for the elevation of the highest top or ridge from  
the lowest. *Wotton's Architecture.*  
**PENDENCY.** *n. f.* [from *pendeo*, Lat.] Suspense; delay of  
decision.  
The judge shall pronounce in the principal cause, nor can  
the appellant allege *pendency* of suit. *Ayliffe.*  
**PENDENT.** *adj.* [pendens, Latin; some write *pendant*, from  
the French.]  
1. Hanging.  
Quaint in green she shall be loose enrob'd  
With ribbons *pendent*, flaring 'bout her head. *Shakespeare.*  
I sometimes mournful verbe indite, and ling  
Of desperate lady near a purling stream,  
Or lover *pendent* on a willow tree. *Phillips.*  
2. Jutting over.  
A *pendent* rock,  
A forked mountain, or blue promontory  
With trees upon't, that nod unto the world,  
And mock our eyes with air. *Shakespeare.*  
3. Supported above the ground.  
They brought, by wondrous art  
Pontifical, a ridge of *pendent* rock  
Over the vex'd abyss. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*  
**PENDING.** *n. f.* [pendente, Lat.] Depending; remaining yet  
undecided.  
A person *pending* suit with the diocesan, shall be defended  
in the possession. *Ayliffe.*  
**PENDULOSITY.** *n. f.* [from *pendulous*.] The state of hang  
ing; suspension.  
His slender legs he encreased by riding, that is, the humours  
descended upon their *pendulosity*, having no support or suppe  
daneous stability. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*  
**PENDULOUS.** *adj.* [pendulus, Lat.] Hanging; not sup  
ported below.  
All the plagues, that in the *pendulous* air  
Hang fated o'er men's faults, light on thy daughters. *Shakespeare.*  
Bellerophon's horse, fram'd of iron, and placed between  
the two loadstones with wings expanded, hung *pendulous* in the  
air. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*  
The grinders are furnished with three roots, and in the  
upper jaw often four, because these are *pendulous*. *Ray.*  
**PENDULUM.** *n. f.* [pendulus, Lat. pendule, Fr.] Any weight  
hung so as that it may easily swing backwards and forwards,  
of which the great law is, that its oscillations are always  
performed in equal time.  
Upon the bench I will to handle 'em,  
That the vibration of this *pendulum*  
Shall make all taylor's yards of one  
Unanimous opinion. *Hudibras.*  
**PENETRABLE.** *adj.* [penetrabilis, Fr. penetrabilis, Latin.]  
1. Such as may be pierced; such as may admit the entrance of  
another body.  
Let him try thy dart,  
And pierce his only *penetrable* part. *Dryden.*  
2. Susceptive of moral or intellectual impression.  
I am not made of stone,  
But *penetrable* to your kind entreaties. *Shakespeare.*  
Peace.

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And let we wring your heart, for so I shall,  
If it be made of *penetrable* stuff. *Shakespeare's Hamlet.*  
**PENETRABILITY.** *n. f.* [from *penetrabilis*.] Susceptibility of  
impression from another body.  
There being no mean between *penetrability* and impenetra  
bility, passivity and activity, they being contrary; therefore  
the infinite rarefaction of the one quality is the position of its  
contrary. *Boyle's Philosophical Principles.*  
**PENETRANT.** *n. f.* [penetrantia, Latin.] Interior parts. Not  
in use.  
The heart resists purulent fumes, into whose *penetrants* to  
infuse some time must be allowed. *Harvey.*  
**PENETRANCY.** *n. f.* [from *penetrant*.] Power of entering or  
piercing.  
The subtilty, activity and *penetrancy* of its effluvia no ob  
stacle can stop or repel, but they will make their way through  
all bodies. *Ray on the Creation.*  
**PENETRANT.** *adj.* [penetrant, Fr.] Having the power to  
pierce or enter; sharp; subtle.  
If the operation of these salts be in convenient glasses pro  
moted by warmth, the ascending steams may easily be caught  
and reduced into a *penetrant* spirit. *Boyle.*  
The food, mingled with some dissolvent juices, is evacuated  
into the intestines, where it is further subtilized and rendered  
so fluid and *penetrant*, that the finer part finds its way in  
at the freight orifices of the lacteous veins. *Ray.*  
To *PENETRATE.* *v. a.* *penetro*, Lat. *penetrer*, Fr.]  
1. To pierce; to enter beyond the surface; to make way into  
a body.  
Marrow is, of all other oily substances, the most *penetra  
ting*. *Arbuthnot on Aliments.*  
2. To affect the mind.  
3. To reach the meaning.  
To *PENETRATE.* *v. n.* To make way.  
There shall we clearly see the uses of these things, which  
here were too subtle for us to *penetrate*. *Ray.*  
If we reached no farther than metaphor, we rather fancy  
than know, and are not yet *penetrated* into the inside and  
reality of the thing. *Locke.*  
**PENETRATION.** *n. f.* [penetration, Fr. from *penetrare*.]  
1. The act of entering into any body.  
It warms  
The universe, and to each inward part  
With gentle *penetration* though unseen  
Shoots invisible virtue even to the deep. *Milton's Par. Lost.*  
2. Mental entrance into any thing abstruse.  
A *penetration* into the abstruse difficulties and depths of mo  
dern algebra and fluxions, is not worth the labour of those  
who design either of the three learned professions. *Watts.*  
3. Acuteness; sagacity.  
The proudest admirer of his own parts might consult with  
others, though of inferior capacity and *penetration*. *Watts.*  
**PENETRATIVE.** *adj.* [from *penetrare*.]  
1. Piercing; sharp; subtle.  
Let not air be too gross, nor too *penetrative*, nor subject to  
any foggy noisomeness from fens. *Watson.*  
2. Acute; sagacious; discerning.  
O thou, whose *penetrative* wisdom found  
The fourth sea fairs and shelves, where thousands drown'd. *Swift's Miscellanies.*  
3. Having the power to impress the mind.  
Wouldst thou see  
Thy master thus with pleach arms, bending down  
His corrigible neck, his face subdu'd  
To *penetrative* shame. *Shakespeare.*  
**PENETRATIVENESS.** *n. f.* [from *penetrative*.] The quality of  
being penetrative.  
**PENGUIN.** *n. f.* [anser magellanicus, Latin.]  
1. A bird. This bird was found with this name, as is sup  
posed, by the first discoverers of America; and *penguin* signi  
fying in Welsh a white head, and the head of this fowl being  
white, it has been imagined, that America was peopled from  
Wales; whence *Hudibras*:  
British Indians nam'd from *penguins*.  
Grew gives another account of the name, deriving it from  
*punguis*, Lat. fat; but is, I believe, mistaken.  
The *penguin* is so called from his extraordinary fatness:  
for though he be no higher than a large goose, yet he weighs  
sometimes sixteen pounds: his wings are extreme short and  
little, altogether unuseful for flight, but by the help whereof  
he swims very swiftly. *Grew's Museum.*  
2. A fruit.  
The *penguin* is very common in the West Indies, where  
the juice of its fruit is often put into punch, being of a sharp  
acid flavour: there is also a wine made of the juice of this  
fruit, but it will not keep good long. *Miller.*  
**PENINSULA.** *n. f.* [Lat. *pena insula*; *peninsula*, Fr.] A  
piece of land almost surrounded by the sea, but joined by a  
narrow neck to the main.  
A side of Milbrook lieth the *peninsula* of Infwork, on whose  
neckland standeth an ancient house. *Carew.*

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**PENINSULATED.** *adj.* [from *peninsula*.] Almost surrounded  
by water.  
**PENITENCE.** *n. f.* [penitence, Fr. *penitencia*, Lat.] Repen  
tance; sorrow for crimes; contrition for sin, with amend  
ments of life or change of the affections.  
Death is deferr'd, and *penitence* has room  
To mitigate, if not reverse the doom. *Dryden.*  
May *penitence* fly round thy mournful bed,  
And wing thy latest prayer to pitying heav'n. *Irene.*  
**PENITENT.** *adj.* [penitent, Fr. *penitens*, Lat.] Repentant;  
contrite for sin; sorrowful for past transgressions, and reso  
lutely amending life.  
Much it joys me  
To see you become so *penitent*. *Shakespeare.*  
Give me  
The *penitent* instrument to pick that bolt. *Shakespeare.*  
Nor in the land of their captivity  
Humbled themselves, or *penitent* bemoant  
The God of their forefathers. *Milton's Par. Regain'd.*  
Provoking God to raise them enemies;  
From whom as oft he saves them *penitent*. *Milton.*  
The proud he tam'd, the *penitent* he cheer'd,  
Nor to rebuke the rich offender fear'd.  
His preaching much, but more his practice wrought  
A living sermon of the truths he taught. *Dryden.*  
**PENITENT.** *n. f.*  
1. One sorrowful for sin.  
Concealed treasures shall be brought into use by the im  
partial laws shall dedicate to the worms of the earth. *Bacon.*  
The repentance, which is formed by a grateful sense of the  
divine goodness towards him, is resolved on while all the ap  
petites are in their strength: the *penitent* conquers the tempta  
tions of sin in their full force. *Rogers's Sermons.*  
2. One under censures of the church, but admitted to penance.  
The counterfeit Dionysius describes the practice of the  
church, that the catechumens and *penitents* were admitted to  
the lessons and psalms, and then excluded. *Stillingfleet.*  
3. One under the direction of a confessor.  
**PENITENTIAL.** *adj.* [from *penitence*.] Expressing penitence;  
enjoined as penance.  
I have done penance for contemning love,  
Whose high imperious thoughts have punish'd me  
With bitter falls and *penitential* groans. *Shakespeare.*  
Is it not strange, that a rational man should adore leeks  
and garlic, and shed *penitential* tears at the smell of a deified  
onion? *South's Sermons.*  
**PENITENTIAL.** *n. f.* [penitential, Fr. *penitentialis*, low Latin.]  
A book directing the degrees of penance.  
The *penitentials* or book of penance contained such mat  
ters as related to the imposing of penance, and the reconci  
liation of the person that suffered penance. *Ayliffe.*  
**PENITENTIARY.** *n. f.* [penitencier, Fr. *penitentiarius*, low  
Latin.]  
1. One who prescribes the rules and measures of penance.  
Upon the loss of Urbin, the duke's undoubted right, no  
*penitentiary*, though he had enjoined him never to straight pen  
ance to expiate his first offence, would have counsell'd him  
to have given over pursuit of his right, which he prosperously  
re-obtained. *Bacon.*  
The great *penitentiary* with his counsellors prescribes the  
measure of penance. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*  
2. A penitent; one who does penance.  
A prison restrain'd John Northampton's liberty, who, for  
abusing the same in his unruly mayoralty of London, was  
condemned hither as a perpetual *penitentiary*. *Carew.*  
To maintain a painful fight against the law of sin, is the  
work of the *penitentiary*. *Hammond.*  
3. The place where penance is enjoined.  
**PENITENTLY.** *adv.* [from *penitent*.] With repentance; with  
sorrow for sin; with contrition.  
**PENKNIFE.** *n. f.* [pen and knife.] A knife used to cut pens.  
Some schoolmen, fitter to guide *penknives* than swords, pre  
cisely stand upon it. *Bacon.*  
**PENMAN.** *n. f.* [pen and man.]  
1. One who professes the art of writing.  
2. An author; a writer.  
The four evangelists, within fifty years after our Saviour's  
death, consign'd to writing that history, which had been pub  
lished only by the apostles and disciples: the further conside  
ration of these holy *penmen* will fall under another part of this  
discourse. *Addison on the Christian Religion.*  
The descriptions which the evangelists give, shew that both  
our blessed Lord and the holy *penmen* of his story were deeply  
affected. *Aterbury.*  
**PENNACHED.** *adj.* [pennaché, Fr.] Is only applied to flowers  
when the ground of the natural colour of their leaves is ra  
diated and diversified neatly without any confusion. *Trevoux.*  
Carefully protect from violent rain your *pennached* tulips,  
covering them with matrasles.  *Evelyn.*  
**PENNANT.**